

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 2022

City Hall Council Chambers
109 James St., Geneva, IL 60134

CALL TO ORDER

The November 7, 2022 meeting of the Geneva City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Kevin Burns.

Elected Officials present:

Alders: Mike Bruno, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Robert Swanson.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick.

Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference: Becky Hruby.

Elected Officials absent: Tara Burghart, Brad Kosirog.

Others Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Electric Division Superintendent Aaron Holton, Street Division Superintendent Nate Landers, Public Works Director Rich Babica, and Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko.

Others attending by video or teleconference: City Planner Chayton True.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Keith Forslin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduce Streets Maintenance Worker Keith Forslin.

Mayor Burns welcomed streets maintenance worker Keith Forslin. Mr. Forslin has been with the City for three weeks. He grew up in Elmhurst and played football and participated in shotput at York High School. He has been a union carpenter and later a USPS mail carrier in Elgin for 11 years. He loves animals and sells tarantulas and snakes. He has been married for three years and lives in West Dundee.

Proclaim November 26, 2022 as Small Business Saturday.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Marks.

Paula Schmidt, President of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, stated that the merchants downtown and in the Commons are assembling baskets as incentives for people to shop in Geneva on November 26.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

Consider Approval of Special Event Application from the Geneva Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Walk and Holiday House Tours December 2-3, 2022.
Moved by Ald. Bruno, Seconded by Ald. Marks.

Ms. Schmidt noted that the Chamber is excited to have the Christmas Walk back again this year. She stated that the event will feature the same Norman Rockwell-esque events as are held each year including roasted chestnuts, carolers, pictures with Santa, and the candy cane pull. She noted that there are two homes on the House Tour in the historic district, two larger homes on each side of the City, and a townhome in Fisher Farms. She encouraged people to purchase tickets early and also welcomed volunteers for the event.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All Items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member so requests in which event the item will be removed from the omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda. All items on the omnibus Agenda require a simple majority vote unless otherwise indicated.*

*Approve City Council Minutes from October 17, 2022.

*REPORTS

*COUNCIL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

*Approve Resolution No. 2022-93 Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorize Approval of the Purchase of Control Actuator Valves at a Cost of \$28,732.00.

*Approve Resolution No. 2022-94 Awarding Bid and Contract to TMC Services, LLC for 2022-2025 Parking Lot Snow Removal at a Cost of \$100 Per Hour.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Accept FY2023 2nd Quarter Goals Status Report.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT: \$3,574,809.60.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, BIDS

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-95 for Certificate of Acceptance for the “First Street Row Homes”.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-45 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 (Liquor Control), Section 4-2-13 Adding One Class B-3 Liquor License for Hacienda Real at 1602 Commons Drive, Geneva, IL.

Moved by Ald. Kaven, Seconded by Ald. Marks.

The owner of Hacienda Real spoke and noted that he is aware of the very high standards that Geneva places on restaurants in the City. This will be his family’s 12th restaurant location. He stated that some cities are reluctant to work with him and his brothers but thanked Geneva for being so welcoming. While one of his other local restaurants, Salsa Verde, is a fast-casual eatery, he noted that Hacienda Real is different and will serve as a destination for celebrations. On a question from Ald. Kaven, he stated that the restaurant will open at the earliest in February. On a question from Ald. Bruno, he noted that Hacienda Real will be in located in the space previously occupied by Bar Louie and is the second Hacienda Real location.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-96 Rejecting Bids for Delnor and Keslinger Substation Maintenance Project.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-46 Granting a Variation to Increase the Allowable Lot Coverage From 40% to 53.54% for the Property Located at 729 Hawthorne Lane.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Kilburg.

On a question from Ald. Kilburg, planner True stated that he had not personally seen purported flooding of Geneva Creek. Dir. Babica commented that between five and eight years ago, there were several instances of Cheever over-topping due to debris between Cheever and the Union Pacific parking lot. He noted that since that time, he is unaware of any flooding, including during the heavy rains in May.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT / NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Marks to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Vicki Kellick
Geneva City Clerk